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OF HIS  
HIGHNESS  
WILLIAM  
Duke of *GLOCESTER*.

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Drawn up by Doctor *H.* and Sign'd  
by *Him*, and by the Surgeons.

From the Original Letter, that was sent  
over to his Majesty in *Holland*.

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**U***Pon the Death of his Highness  
William Duke of Gloucester, which  
happened on Monday, July the  
Twenty Ninth, about Midnight,  
The Right Honourable the Earl of Marleborough,  
One of their Excellencies the Lords Justices of  
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England, and Governour to His Late Highness, was pleased to give order, That the Body should be Opened.

Accordingly the Surgeons appointed by His Lordship, whose names are subscribed, in the presence of Doctor Hannes, who was commanded to assist at the Operation, and of several other Spectators, made the Dissection; and, afterwards, jointly with the Doctor, gave in the following Report of it on Wednesday, July the Thirty First, 1700.

Surface  
of the  
Body.

1. On inspection of the outward Surface of the Dukes Body; His Head, Chest, Abdomen and Arms appear'd tainted and livid, beyond what is usual: His Thighs and Leggs not much altered from their proper colour.

2. The Abdomen was first opened; and these Observations made upon the Parts Contained.

Belly.

The Omentum was found as is natural.

The Gutts, from the Rectum, inclusively, upwards to the Duodenum, had the common appearances; excepting only, that a few inflammatory Spots were seen dispers'd upon the Small Gutts; and, that the Plexus Glandulares of the same Gutts were become Florid, and therefore more conspicuous, than is usual.

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The Duodenum and Stomach were highly inflamed; especially, the Stomach; which had in its Cavity, Wind, and a small quantity of Liquor.

In the Pancreas, Spleen, Liver, and Bladder of Gall was nothing remarkable: Only the Spleen and Liver were more than ordinary Livid.

The Kidneys carried a colour deeper than is common, besides which, they were not noted to have any thing Preternatural: As neither had the Glandulæ Renales, nor the Ureters, nor the Urinary Bladder, nor the Urine express'd from the Bladder.

3. Next after the Abdomen, the Thorax, Chest, or Chest was examined.

Here, the Pleura was inflamed to the most intense degree.

The Diaphragm, and Mediastinum, and Pericardium were thought not to differ from the constitution given 'em by Nature; excepting only, that the Diaphragm was something inflamed.

The Humor of the Pericardium was reddish; not without a mixture of Blood. And even the Thorax and Abdomen were judged to have more Blood in their Cavity, than

could well proceed from the mouths of the Vessels cut asunder by the Knife at the time the respective Venters were laid open.

The Heart was extremely Flaccid and weak in its Texture : The Right Ventricle had very little Blood, and the Left was altogether Empty.

The Lungs on both sides were filled with Blood to the height of an Inflammation.

Neck. 4. The Neck was Swoll'n : And upon Dissection the inclosed Parts appear'd such, as they are observed in Bodies strangled.

At the place where the Jugulars arise above the Claviculæ, the Inflammation approach'd very near to a Mortification.

The Glandulæ Thyreoideæ were almost black with the contain'd Blood : and being put into Scales were found above Five Drachms in weight.

The Gullet was much Inflamed; the Wind-pipe also was affected in the same kind, especially the upper part of it call'd the Larynx.

In the Larynx the Membranes that join the Cartilages Cricoides and Thyreoides were very dark with the Inflammation.

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The Membrane that lines the Epiglottis (at the root of the Tongue) was also Inflamed: in so much that the Glandulæ Miliæres of it, which are scarce visible at other times, were here much distended and very conspicuous.

5. In the Mouth, we found the Palate inflamed; as also the Uvula, the Membrane of which was swelled.

The Almonds of the Ear (in the Throat) were swelled; and had in them Purulent matter: There being pressed out of one of 'em as much Corruption, as filled a Tea-spoon.

6. Last of all, The Head was opened; and Head out of the First and Second Ventricle of the Cerebrum were taken about four Ounces and an Half of a Lymphic Humor.

In this Region nothing, besides, was found particular, or different from the natural state of it.

Signed *Windsor*  
Castle, July 31.  
1790.

*Edward Hanes M.D.*

*Charles Bernard.*

*Edward Green.*

*William Cowper.*